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History Happenings

This past April, the Shelby East Saddlebreds hosted the Kentucky History Mystery Theater at Shelby County East Middle, and the two-night show was a hit! During the dinner-theater production, students performed monologues based on characters from Kentucky history. Clues were given throughout the course of the evening, and guests had to uncover the mystery of their identities. Viewers were also treated to two short historical plays and Kentucky-themed prizes. While the production was met with great acclaim, there is no word yet as to whether or not the Kentucky History Mystery Theater will be taking their act on the road.

Quick Convention Recall

Over 600 students, sponsors, and family members gathered in the state capital for the 2008 KJHS Convention. Kentucky history enthusiasts mixed and mingled, and the Frankfort Convention Center, the Old State Capitol, and the Thomas D. Clark Center for Kentucky History were abuzz with activities.

History Bowl was a big success, with Cartmell Elementary, Green County Middle, and Green County High each taking home a trophy in Divisions I, II, and III, respectively. A big highlight was the participation of Kentucky Secretary of State Trey Grayson, who announced a few rounds of competition and spoke to participants during the Friday afternoon session.

The Heritage Hoedowners stole the show on Friday night as they sang, danced, and clogged their way through a history of Appalachian performing arts. The 2009 convention is sure to be packed with just as many fun-filled activities, so make plans to attend March 26-28!



Cicadas and Sunshine at the Officer Retreat



The periodical cicadas were in full force at the Lake Cumberland officer retreat this past June. They were everywhere—not even the meeting room was off-limits! In spite of the insect invasion, the eleven board members in attendance worked to hammer out ideas for the upcoming year.

The committee discussed a variety of issues, but the main topics included enhancements to the convention and Friday night entertainment, and the development of KJHS Week. Board members brainstormed possible ideas for getting KJHS Week off the ground and decided to conduct a trial run in their respective schools throughout the year.

It wasn't all work and no play, however, as officers took the opportunity to enjoy the beautiful surroundings and spent some quality time getting to know one another.

For KJHSers who want to stay connected, check out the KJHS MySpace and Facebook pages.

NEWS FROM THE STATE OFFICE

US Bank Continues Support of KJHS

For the third year in a row, US Bank has gifted KJHS with a \$5,000 grant. Their generous support will make it possible for the state office to begin building a stronger membership constituency in the western region of the state. The money will be used to fund outreach trips to schools in Paducah, Owensboro, and the Jackson Purchase, cover promotional mailings, and subsidize the Paducah Regional Rally. As an introduction to our program, new 2008 KJHS members and prospective members from the western area of the state will be able to attend the rally for free!

Updates to KJHS

As you may have heard, the KJHS project guidelines were revamped this fall. Members of KHS staff met in the summer to assess the KJHS Convention and to address some of the issues that have arisen over the last few years. In order to move towards a more diverse convention experience, resources must be directed in a more thoughtful manner. The creation of a manageable system for the project competition will allow KJHS to offer more history-based workshops and activities. This will make the convention experience more enjoyable for students, sponsors, volunteers, and staff. While change can be difficult, adaptability is vital for any successful organization.

The categories of competition for this year include two-dimensional art, three-dimensional art, documentary, beginner's genealogy, advanced genealogy, historical exhibit, Kentucky heritage performance, Kentucky history bowl, Kentucky history test, impromptu composition, paper (divisions II and III only), performance, and photography.

Students may participate in a maximum of three categories. Please feel free to contact the state office if you have any questions about the new guidelines or need a copy of the updated handbook.

Get Back to Your Roots

Attention budding genealogists! The Kentucky Genealogical Society would like student submissions for their quarterly journal *Bluegrass Roots*. This might be a great way to sharpen those research skills or showcase a project from convention. Let's show them what KJHSers can do! For more information, contact the state office.

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Regional Rally Roundups



Oct 21 & 30 | **Hodgenville**
9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Activities: A guided tour of the Abraham Lincoln Museum, a visit to the Abraham Lincoln Birthplace, and a Kentucky Chautauqua performance by Jim Sayre as Mr. Lincoln. Limited to 125 each date. Cost \$2.00.

Students and sponsors may bring a sack lunch or purchase a lunch (hot dog, chips, dessert, and a beverage) for \$3.00.

The October 30 rally is to capacity. Contact the state office if interested in attending the October 21 rally



Nov 6 | **Downtown Paducah**
9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Activities: A visit to the Museum of the American Quilter's Society and a guided tour of the floodwalls. Middle and high school students will tour either the River Heritage Museum or the Market House Museum. There will be a hands-on activity for elementary students. Limited to 150. Free to all new and prospective clubs from the western region of the state.

Deadline to register: October 22



Nov 11 | **Ashland**
9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Activities: Tour the interactive Highlands Museum and Discovery Center, the Jesse Stuart Foundation, and the Paramount Arts Center. Lunch will be in Central Park, which is home to the oldest house in Ashland. Limited to 100. Cost \$3.00.

Students and sponsors may bring a sack lunch or purchase pizza and a drink for \$3.00.

Deadline to register: October 24



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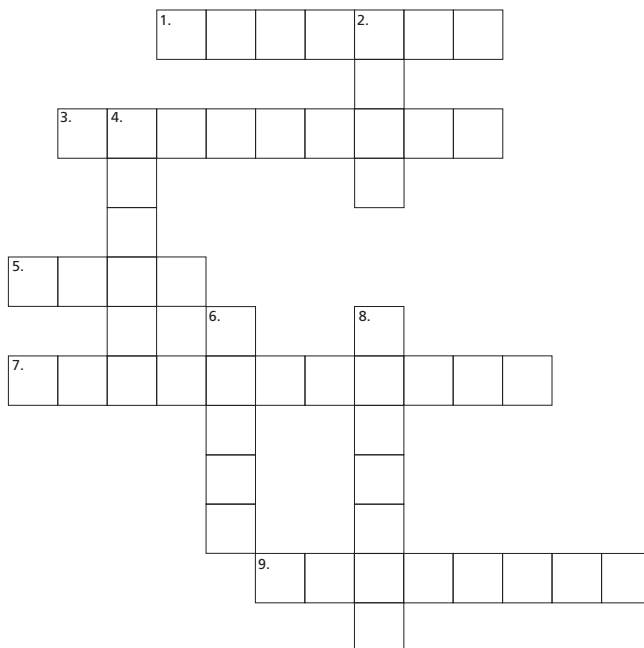
KENTUCKY CROSSWORD

Across

1. KY city known as "Quilt City U.S.A."
3. KY is nicknamed the ____ state
5. Last name of famous eastern KY musical family
7. Kentuckian who had "Adventures in Good Eating" (full name)
9. State where Abraham Lincoln and Mary Todd were married

Down

2. Official state mineral
4. Seat of Laurel County
6. Joyful nickname of former governor A.B. Chandler
8. Last name of the 16th president of the United States and Kentucky native son



Answers to crossword
Across: 1. Paducah 3. Bluegrass 5. Judd 7. Duncan Hines 9. Illinois; Down: 2. Coal 4. London 6. Happy 8. Lincoln

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